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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: ENERGY

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President, H.E. Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolutions I and II, contained in document E/1996/24

Coordination of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of energy

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the crucial role of energy in sustainable development,

Noting the continuing need for enhancing energy supplies and improving the living conditions in developing countries,

Recognizing the need to evolve strategies and programmes to ensure a cost-effective and sustainable regime of energy supply and consumption in the twenty-first century,

Bearing in mind the views and recommendations of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on the issues of medium-term planning and coordination in energy,

Recalling decision 4/15 of the Commission on Sustainable Development, in which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report for consideration by the Commission at its fifth session, covering an inventory of ongoing energy-oriented programmes and activities within the United Nations system, as well as proposals for arrangements, as appropriate, that might be needed to foster the linkage between energy and sustainable development within the United Nations system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the report and views of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development when preparing the report requested in decision 4/15 of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report, taking into account, as appropriate, the views of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, on the possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, and to submit this report, through the Council, to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-second session;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the regional commissions and other entities within the United Nations system, to address in the same report the need to enhance the capability of the system in the field of energy for sustainable development, and to explore all possible options for a high-level discussion in this context, taking into account the results of the fifth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and of the special session of the General Assembly scheduled for June 1997, as well as the guidance provided by the relevant environmental conventions and their respective conferences of the parties, in particular the United Nations Framework Convention in Climate Change.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS

Costa Rica*: draft resolution

Regional cooperation in the economic and social and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation that the summaries of the economic surveys of the five regional commissions have been made available to the Council,

1. Takes note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/1996/45 and Add.1);

(b) Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1995 (E/1996/46);

(c) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1995 (E/1996/47);

(d) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 1996 (E/1996/48);

(e) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995 (E/1996/49);

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(f) Summary of economic and social developments in the ESCWA region, 1995 (E/1996/50);

2. Recognizes that the regional commissions provide an indispensable forum and mechanism for enabling, promoting and strengthening regional cooperation and development;

3. Also recognizes that the regional commissions are the regional arm of the United Nations in the economic and social fields, and are essential for facilitating the United Nations central role of promoting development and international cooperation;

4. Notes with appreciation the role played by the regional commissions in the preparation of regional plans and programmes of action for the recent major United Nations conferences and in their necessary follow-up activities;

5. Recognizes that the regional commissions have important contributions to make to the policy deliberations of the Council in its high-level and coordination segments, and that the regional perspectives of development should further enrich the Council's debate on economic and social development;

6. Decides, accordingly, on the need to allocate the agenda item on regional cooperation at the beginning of the general segment of the Council, and calls on the executive secretaries to participate in the high-level and coordination segments;

7. Further decides to institutionalize the arrangements for the informal briefings and dialogue between the executive secretaries and the delegations of the Council to be held under the chairmanship of the President of the Council.

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SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Cuba*, Papua New Guinea*: draft resolution

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 2/

Having heard the statement by the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 3/

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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2/ E/1996/85.

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Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, resolutions of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and other relevant resolutions and decisions, including in particular Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/58 of 28 July 1995,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the final documents of the successive Conferences of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries and of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community,

Conscious of the need to facilitate the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Noting that the large majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are small island Territories,

Welcoming the assistance extended to Non-Self-Governing Territories by certain specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme,

Stressing that, because the development options of small island Non-Self-Governing Territories are limited, there are special challenges to planning for and implementing sustainable development and that those Territories will be constrained in meeting the challenges without the continued cooperation and assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system,

Stressing the importance of securing necessary resources for funding expanded assistance programmes for the peoples concerned and the need to enlist the support of all major funding institutions within the United Nations system in that regard,

Reaffirming the mandates of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all the appropriate measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions,

Expressing its appreciation to the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum, the Caribbean Community and other regional organizations for the continued cooperation and assistance they have extended to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in this regard,

Expressing its conviction that closer contacts and consultations between and among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and regional organizations help to facilitate the effective formulation of assistance programmes to the peoples concerned,

Mindful of the imperative need to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United

Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating thereto,

Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the Non-Self-Governing small island Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, cyclones and sealevel rise, and recalling other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/34 of 6 December 1995 on cooperation and coordination of the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. Takes note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on his consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and endorses the observations and suggestions arising therefrom;

2. Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

4. Reaffirms that the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system should continue to be guided by the relevant resolutions of the United Nations in their efforts to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions;

5. Reaffirms also that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspirations of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories to exercise their right to self-determination entails, as a corollary, the extension of all appropriate assistance to those peoples;

6. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to cooperate with the United Nations and the regional and subregional organizations in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and requests all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to implement the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

7. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of the Territories;

8. Requests the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

9. Recommends that the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system formulate, with the active cooperation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and submit the proposals to their governing and legislative organs;

10. Also recommends that the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system continue to review at the regular meetings of their governing bodies the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

11. Welcomes the continued initiative exercised by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining close liaison among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and in providing assistance to the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

12. Encourages Non-Self-Governing Territories to take steps to establish and/or strengthen disaster preparedness and management institutions and policies;

13. Requests the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of appointed and elected representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations so that the Territories may benefit from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

14. Recommends that all Governments intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connection, accord priority to the question of providing assistance to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

15. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussion held on the subject at the substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council;

16. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration

arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1997;

18. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review.

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COORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AND OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE THEME OF THE 1995 COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1996/L.39

Follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits, including the implementation of their respective programmes of action

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992, 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 2 July 1996, on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its agreed conclusions 1995/1 on coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recognizing the efforts made by the Secretary-General through the Administrative Committee on Coordination for establishing coordinating inter-agency mechanisms in support of the follow-up of the major international conferences and summits, including the implementation of their respective programmes of action,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system: implementation of the agreed conclusions on the theme of the 1995 coordination segment of the Council", 1/

1. Decides that the Council shall continue to ensure, on a regular basis, the harmonization and coordination of the multi-year work programmes of relevant functional commissions by promoting a clear division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them;

2. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to take into consideration the decisions, resolutions and agreed conclusions of the Council and its functional commissions as the basis for inter-agency follow-up of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, including the selection of cross-cutting themes for its work;

3. Invites also the Administrative Committee on Coordination to present the reports on the work of its task forces on an enabling environment for economic and social development, basic social services for all, and employment and sustainable livelihoods, as well as inter-agency committees on sustainable development and women and gender equality to the substantive session of the Council in 1997 and to identify policy and coordination issues to be addressed by the Council and the General Assembly;

4. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to consider specific areas to enhance system-wide coordination in the themes identified for the coordination segment of the Council and to bring system-wide coordination issues to the attention of the Council and to make recommendations thereon;

5. Calls upon all relevant organizations of the United Nations system to integrate the results of the major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields into their programmes of work and to contribute relevant information, analyses and assessments to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General in support of the Council's own thematic reviews;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with agreed conclusions 1995/1, to present reports in a timely manner and in a concise format, clearly identifying the issues and outlining options for action and their implications in order to facilitate decision-making by the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

7. Reiterates the importance of the provisions on mobilization of resources contained in agreed conclusions 1995/1 for the effective implementation of the results of the major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields.

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Costa Rica*: draft decision

Non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council, recognizing the valuable contributions of the non-governmental organizations mentioned in Council decision 1993/220 of 26 May 1993 to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and taking into account Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, as updated, and its relevant paragraph 53, as well as Council decision 1994/300 of 29 July 1994, decides:

(a) That the Council and its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations should process the applications for a consultative relationship of those non-governmental organizations under the relevant provisions of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), as updated;

(b) To maintain on an exceptional basis the rights and privileges conferred on those non-governmental organizations mentioned in its decision 1993/220, in accordance with its decision 1993/215, for the purposes of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of Agenda 21, until the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is able to process the applications mentioned above;

(c) That the Committee should improve, streamline and update its working methods to enable it to process those applications and its normal workload, in a timely manner.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION SEGMENT: FOLLOW-UP TO POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Canada: draft resolution

Progress on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/120

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 46/219 of 20 December 1991, 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 50/120 of 20 December 1995, in which the General Assembly invited the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1996, to consider, inter alia, the issues of harmonization and administrative services, common premises and monitoring and evaluation on the basis of progress reports and appropriate recommendations by the Secretary-General,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996,

[Strongly reaffirming that the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the operational activities of the United Nations system must be enhanced by, inter alia, a substantial increase in their funding from all sources on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, commensurate with the increasing needs of developing countries, as well as through the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 47/199, 48/162, 50/120 and 50/227,]

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/120 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

development system, and on the management process for implementation requested in paragraph 52 of General Assembly resolution 50/120, 1/

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

2. Reaffirms the need for simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures in order to increase the overall effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the operational activities for international development of the United Nations development system, as well as the need to facilitate and increase national execution, bearing in mind the need not to overburden the host Government; to this end, the United Nations development system is requested to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1997 on progress made towards the following:

(a) Improving the definition and guidelines for the programme approach, bearing in mind the need to further simplify and harmonize procedures and to allow sufficient flexibility for their application at the field level;

(b) Promoting a common understanding of capacity-building concepts and their operationalization, as well as on ways of enhancing the sustainability of capacity-building;

(c) Facilitating and increasing synergies between the activities of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system through the use of harmonized and synchronized programming and, as far as possible, enhancing collaboration in all areas of programming, including evaluations and mid-term reviews;

(d) Developing and implementing an agreed methodology to establish common country databases in consultation with national Governments;

3. Urges the funds and programmes of the United Nations system to finalize work on the harmonization of their budget presentations in time for a final decision to be made by their respective Executive Boards in advance of the biennium 1998-1999, and to include in this work a common presentational framework for the budget based on agreed definitions and usage of budget terms and the identification of additional steps required for further harmonization and improved transparency;

4. Emphasises the need to accelerate efforts to complete a common manual based both on a building-block approach and on a need to integrate and clarify existing guidelines, including the operationalization of the outcomes of the recent series of major United Nations conferences;

5. Expresses concern at the lack of progress made towards the use of common administrative services and requests the funds and programmes of the United Nations system, with due concern given to effectiveness, efficiency and the impact of their activities, to:

1/ E/1996/64 and Add.1 and 2 and Add.2/Corr.1 and 2, and Add.3.

(a) Simplify and harmonize administrative and financial procedures in a systematic way and at all levels, so that common administrative services can be established where feasible;

(b) Work towards increased delegation of decision-making authority and accountability to the country level and, where appropriate, the regional level, and their harmonization among funds and programmes;

(c) Set measurable targets and time-frames for the achievement of common administrative services, including the identification of priority areas for enhanced efforts, such as telecommunications, and financial and personnel-related services;

(d) Develop guidelines on how to establish and operate a common services account;

6. Reaffirms the need to raise the target for common premises on a case-by-case basis, taking into account cost-benefit analysis and operational sustainability, using lessons learned during the implementation of this request and avoiding an increased burden on host countries; requests the funds and programmes of the United Nations system to develop a plan of action, administrative arrangements and a time-frame for the implementation of this request; and encourages the United Nations specialized agencies and regional offices to share those common premises where practicable;

7. Stresses the importance of strengthening the monitoring and evaluation activities of the United Nations development system; also stresses the significance of promoting at the country level, under the leadership of Governments, close monitoring and evaluation collaboration among national Governments, the United Nations development system and relevant development partners and, in this context, reiterates the need for the United Nations development system to support, when requested by Governments, the strengthening of national evaluation capacities; and requests that joint evaluations of operational activities, including thematic evaluations and coordinated programme reviews, be undertaken, making the fullest possible use of national capacity in this area;

8. Reaffirms the need for the United Nations development system to increase its consideration and application of lessons learned from monitoring and evaluation activities, and calls for a system-wide effort to monitor and report on the frequency and quality of programmed and completed evaluations, the identification and use of lessons learned, and the number of joint evaluations planned and undertaken;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Economic and Social Council and the governing bodies of individual funds and programmes and specialized agencies are provided with information on evaluation activities that is quantifiable and comparable, and that specifies an evaluation's type, coverage, scope, timing, and compliance;

10. Urges all funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations development system to identify measurable targets to strengthen their monitoring and evaluation capabilities, to incorporate those targets into their respective management plans to implement General Assembly resolution 50/120 and to intensify their cooperation in the development of monitoring and evaluation methodologies;

11. Requests the Secretary-General, in his progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/120, for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1997, to consider, inter alia, capacity-building, field- and regional-level coordination and resources; also requests the Secretary-General, in the context of field- and regional-level coordination, to highlight the problems encountered, make appropriate recommendations and discuss the functioning of thematic groups and field-level committees, and, in regard to resources, to include an analytical assessment of the implications on operational activities for development of the decline in core resources, where this has occurred, and of the increase in non-core resources, where this has occurred; and further requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations on how best to implement section I of annex I to General Assembly resolution 50/227.

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COORDINATION QUESTIONS: JOINT AND CO-SPONSORED UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/ ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President, H.E. Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), on the basis of informal consultations held on document E/1996/L.34

Report of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1994/24, by which it endorsed the establishment of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the Programme, 1/

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved since 1 January 1996 in the implementation of the activities of the Programme,

Noting with concern that human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) has devastating social, economic and other related impacts on the population of the affected countries,

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Noting with concern the need for adequate resources to be made available by the six co-sponsoring organizations and the international community in the fight against HIV/AIDS,

Noting further the need for more focused and in-depth consideration by the Council of the issue of HIV/AIDS and its impact,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to play an active advocacy role in regard to the serious threat posed by the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in order to raise global awareness and thus help to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS;

2. Urges the United Nations Secretariat to be fully and effectively involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS;

3. Decides to review the operations and activities of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome by including on its agenda in alternate years, beginning in 1997, the item "Report on the work of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome";

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council, at its substantive session of 1997, a concise initial report of the Executive Director of the Programme, prepared in collaboration with all relevant specialized agencies, the United Nations Secretariat and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and thereafter to submit to the Council, on a biennial basis, a comprehensive report on the progress made in the fight against HIV/AIDS and its impact on the countries affected, including the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Recommends that HIV/AIDS and its social, economic and related impacts on the overall development process be considered as a possible future theme for the high-level segment of the Council;

6. Appeals to the six co-sponsoring organizations, the international community and the countries affected to increase substantially their contribution to the Programme and to the resources needed for the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR GENERATING FUNDS

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic)

New and innovative ideas for generating funds

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, 1/ in which relevant United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council, are requested to consider new and innovative ideas for generating funds and to offer any useful suggestions for this purpose,

Taking note of discussions in intergovernmental bodies, such as the Commission on Sustainable Development, of statements made at the special commemorative session and during the general debate at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, and of activities undertaken in this area by United Nations bodies, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, and other entities,

Also taking note of previous reports of the Secretary-General relevant to the issue, 2/

1/ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ A/50/666; A/50/1; A/47/277-S/24111; A/48/935; and A/49/665.

Conscious of the importance and urgency of securing sufficient and reliable sources of funding to address globally agreed commitments and priorities, in particular those established at recent United Nations conferences and summits,

Recognizing that the authority to levy taxes is the prerogative of sovereign States,

1. Reaffirms the commitments and targets made with regard to official development assistance, and stresses in this context that funds generated by new and innovative ideas should not substitute official development assistance;

2. Emphasizes that new and innovative funding should be distinct from funding the regular budget and the peace-keeping budgets of the United Nations, and should be part of global partnership and interdependence;

3. Stresses the role of private investment in financing development;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, to be prepared in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, on all aspects of new and innovative ideas for generating funds for globally agreed commitments and priorities, in particular those established at recent United Nations conferences and summits, in particular a review of their feasibility and possible modalities, as well as the costs and benefits of their implementation;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in the preparation of the above-mentioned report, to consult and build upon work of relevant parts of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and to draw upon relevant external expertise from the private and public sectors and the academic community;

6. Invites voluntary contributions for this purpose, including possible contributions from the private sector;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit his report for discussion to the Council at its substantive session of 1997 and to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to organize briefings, as appropriate, for the Council's substantive session of 1997 in order to keep Member States informed of progress being made on the subject;

9. Invites Governments to submit their written views on new and innovative ideas for generating funds to the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General, in a supplement to his report, to communicate those views to the Council at its substantive session of 1997 and to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES ON A SYSTEM-WIDE BASIS: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND THE BRETTON WOODS INSTITUTION IN THE AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE FIELD LEVEL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic) on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolutions E/1996/L.20 and L.22

Strengthening collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/120 of 20 December 1995 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and 50/227 of 24 May 1996 on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening the collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions at the intergovernmental, intersecretariat and country levels,

Recognizing also the importance of joint initiatives between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in coordinating efforts for the implementation and follow-up of the commitments of the major United Nations international conferences and summits,

Reaffirming that the recipient Government should play a leading role for the overall coordination of collaboration at the country level,

Concerned about the potentially serious impact on development of the decline in resources allocated to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Also concerned about the incomplete fulfilment of commitments to the tenth replenishment of the International Development Association, and hoping that adequate resources will be made available for the eleventh replenishment,

Taking into account the ongoing deliberation on an agenda for development in which issues relating to the strengthening of the relationship between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions are being addressed,

Recalling Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations, with particular reference to the provisions setting forth the powers and functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council with respect to making recommendations and coordinating United Nations system activities within the scope of its competence,

Reaffirming the importance of strengthening cooperation, communication and collaboration between the Council and its relevant subsidiary bodies, on the one hand, and the Bretton Woods institutions, on the other, in order to maximize the effectiveness of their respective development programmes and activities,

Noting the need to improve the Council's high-level sessions with the international financial and trade institutions by better preparing for and focusing the high-level dialogue, thereby advancing such cooperation, communication and collaboration and enhancing the quality, outcomes and value of the exchange of views,

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretariat on strengthening collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions in the areas of social and economic development at all levels including the field level; 1/

2. Considers that the strengthening of collaboration between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions requires an integrated approach, encompassing a closer policy dialogue at the intergovernmental level on relevant areas of international development policy issues, taking into account their respective competencies;

3. Looks forward to the report and accompanying recommendations to be prepared jointly by the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in accordance with paragraph 86 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 50/227, on an early exploratory review to assess mechanisms, programmes and

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relationships at the field, headquarters and intergovernmental levels, with a view to identifying areas in which communication, cooperation and coordination could be improved;

4. Recommends the scheduling of a high-level special meeting at a time proximate to the semi-annual meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions with a view to benefiting, to the extent possible, from ministerial participation and from the participation of heads of financial and trade institutions and other relevant organizations, as called for by the General Assembly in paragraph 88 of annex I to resolution 50/227;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to consult the heads of the financial institutions by early 1997 in order to explore the possibilities and practical modalities of scheduling such a meeting; at a session of the Council to be held in early 1997, the Council should discuss the format, timing and possible agenda for the first such meeting;

6. Decides to explore concrete modalities for strengthening the exchange of information on development issues between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions;

7. Decides that, prior to the annual high-level policy dialogue between the Council and the international financial and trade institutions, and allowing sufficient time for preparation, the Secretariat should communicate to the financial and trade institutions a report on the relevant issues to be discussed at the session, with a primary focus on the agreed theme; that communication should be prepared in part based on the submission of issues and questions that member States could be invited to suggest to the Secretariat, which would then be taken into account in the preparation of the Secretariat's report to the institutions;

8. Recommends, in order to better focus the policy dialogue, exploring the possibility of having joint reports prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization;

9. Invites the financial and trade institutions participating in the high-level segment of the Council in 1997 to furnish relevant reports and studies on the selected theme, within their respective mandates and areas of expertise, and on important developments in the world economy and in international economic cooperation;

10. Invites the Bretton Woods institutions to strengthen their cooperation with the United Nations Secretariat on issues falling within their respective competencies, such as multilateral external debt, challenges and opportunities of global financial integration and financing for development;

11. Decides to encourage cooperative working relations between the relevant units of the Bretton Woods institutions and the regional commissions, including, inter alia, improved arrangements for data collection and information exchange;

12. Decides that full implementation of existing agreements, the strengthening of existing mechanisms and the exploration of new avenues and mechanisms of cooperation between the Bretton Woods institutions and other bodies of the United Nations system should be encouraged and undertaken within the framework provided by the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through, inter alia, participation in relevant meetings, information-gathering, information exchange, research, policy analysis and operational activities;

13. Stresses also that the recipient Government should play a leading role in the overall coordination of the collaboration between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions at the country level and that this collaboration should be on the basis of country-driven activities;

14. Stresses that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the needs of developing countries in a flexible manner; the operational activities of the United Nations system should be carried out for the benefit of the developing countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development; the United Nations development system should take into account the specific needs and requirements of the countries with economies in transition;

15. Considers that efforts should be made to promote, in consultation and agreement with Governments, complementarity between the country strategy notes, where they exist, the policy framework papers of the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Bank's country assistance strategies;

16. Emphasizes that the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions should expand, whenever appropriate, their collaboration in co-financing field programmes and projects and should continue to explore innovative ways to combine and maximize their resources, under the overall guidance of the national Governments, in support of development activities at the field level;

17. Invites the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions to improve their cooperation in the preparation, discussion and follow-up of round-table meetings and consultative groups to promote policy discussions, as appropriate;

18. Stresses that the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions have to take full account of the exchange of experiences and lessons learned and that, in the course of their work, staff exchanges and information-sharing, in particular the sharing of evaluation methodologies and results, should be encouraged.

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic) on the basis of information consultations held on draft decision E/1996/L.44

Non-governmental organizations on the roster for the purposes of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Economic and Social Council

(a) Confirms that the non-governmental organizations referred to in its decision 1993/220 are on the Roster for the purposes of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(b) Decides that those non-governmental organizations referred to in paragraph (a) above that wish to expand their participation in other fields of the Council should so inform the Council's Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations which will take appropriate action as expeditiously as possible;

(c) Decides also to place this item on the agenda of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for the second part of its 1996 session;

(d) Requests the Secretary-General to inform the above-mentioned non-governmental organizations of the present decision.

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COORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS ON THE THEME OF THE 1995 COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic) on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1996/L.21

Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/227: initiation of reviews

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992, 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, as well as the Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1995/1 and its decision 1996/203 of 9 February 1996,

Reaffirming the role assigned to the Council in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227,

Conscious of the specific call made by the Assembly for relevant intergovernmental bodies to fully implement the measures contained in its resolution 50/227,

Noting that, according to paragraph 67 of Assembly resolution 50/227, the Council should regularly review the agenda of its general segment,

Noting also that, pursuant to paragraph 70 of Assembly resolution 50/227, the Council is to undertake a review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies,

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Recalling Assembly resolution 50/113, in which it mandated the special session of the Assembly, scheduled in June 1997, to review, inter alia, the future role of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including its relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme,

Noting further that, pursuant to paragraph 71 of resolution 50/227, the Council should consider, as a matter of priority, the role, working methods and relationship with other bodies of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and the Committee on Natural Resources,

Taking into consideration that, in accordance with paragraphs 74 and 75 of resolution 50/227, the Council should provide for the review of the regional commissions with a view to strengthening and enhancing their effectiveness,

Noting that the globalization and interdependence that characterize the world economy have greatly increased the tasks of the regional commissions in their role of assisting their Member States to cope with opportunities, challenges as well as risks,

Noting further that the agreements and commitments adopted at the recent United Nations conferences have further compounded the tasks of the regional commissions in assisting Member States in implementing such agreements and commitments,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts undertaken by a number of regional commissions to initiate a significant reform process, including the setting of priorities based on a dialogue with their intergovernmental bodies;

1. Decides to consider as a matter of priority, at its resumed substantive session to be held before the end of 1996, the possible changes and/or adjustments to its agenda with a view to ensuring that all issues included in General Assembly resolution 50/227 will be examined by the Council;

A. General segment

2. Decides to consider, also as a matter of priority, at the resumed substantive session, a review of the agenda of the Council's general segment in accordance with paragraph 67 of Assembly resolution 50/227;

B. Functional commissions and expert groups and bodies

3. Reaffirms that the review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies should be completed by the fifty-second session of the Assembly;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive document compiling information on the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of the functional commissions and expert groups and bodies and to submit it to the Council not later than February 1997;

5. Decides to begin consideration during its substantive session of 1997 of the role, working methods and relationship with other bodies of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development, and the Committee on Natural Resources;

6. Requests the President of the Council to establish arrangements for informal open-ended consultations during the Council's substantive session of 1997 in order to better prepare for further work of the Council on this issue;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its substantive session of 1997 an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227";

8. Decides to further consider the review of the functional commissions and expert groups and bodies comprehensively during a resumed substantive session in the fall of 1997 and to take decisions at that time;

C. Regional commissions

9. Requests the regional commissions to continue undertaking their own reviews, as called for in Assembly resolution 50/227, and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1997;

10. Reaffirms further the need for the above-mentioned reviews and reform processes currently being undertaken by the regional commissions to be carried out, aiming at improving the effectiveness and efficiency of these bodies by eliminating unnecessary duplication or overlapping of work and by ensuring a better structural relationship among these bodies and with the Council;

11. Decides that the Council will take a decision at its substantive session of 1997 on further action on how to achieve the objectives set out in paragraphs 74 and 75 of Assembly resolution 50/227, taking into account the above-mentioned reviews.

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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: FOLLOW-UP TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 50/106: BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic) on the basis of information consultations held on draft resolution E/1996/L.26

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and development

The Economic and Social Council, noting General Assembly resolution 50/106 of 20 December 1995 and having considered at its substantive session of 1996 under agenda item 6 (i) the issue of illicit payments, to which that resolution relates, and noting also the draft resolution containing a United Nations declaration on corruption and bribery in transnational commercial activities 1/ submitted under that item:

(a) Decides to continue consideration of agenda item 6 (i), including the above-mentioned draft resolution, at a resumed substantive session in the autumn of 1996;

(b) Requests the President of the Council to continue to facilitate open-ended consultations prior to that resumed substantive session, with a view to enhancing the prospects for achieving consensus.

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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic)

Periodicity of amendments to the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the note by the Secretary-General, 1/ indicating that the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods will examine, at its forthcoming session, the periodicity of amendments to the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, invites the Committee to take fully into account the views expressed by delegations during the substantive session of 1996 of the Council, and invites Member States that have not yet done so to submit to the Committee their views on the matter.

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